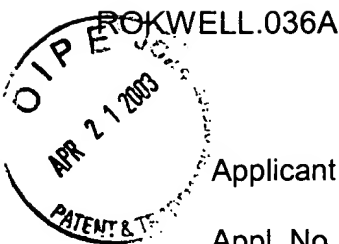


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 27, 2003

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed January 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a Clean Version of Pending Claims.

Claims 1-3 and 4-38 remain as previously pending. Please add the following new claims.

39. (New) A wireless communication system comprising:

a base station which transmits signals;

a mobile unit which receives the signals from the base station, the mobile unit containing a first speech coder and a second speech coder, wherein the first speech coder and the second speech coder are members of a family of speech coders which can exchange compatible data, the mobile unit encoding voice data in a signal to transmit using either the first speech coder or the second speech coder;